



**UPPER COLORADO RIVER
FIRE MANAGEMENT UNIT**
BLM-NORTHWEST DISTRICT
USFS-WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST
NPS-COLORADO NATIONAL MONUMENT



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Update on the Frey Gulch Fire near Dillon

Silverthorne, Colo. – Oct. 9, 2016 – Local emergency service resources transitioned the Frey Gulch Fire to an Upper Colorado River Fire Interagency Management Unit (UCR) Type IV Incident Commander on the evening of Oct. 8. The fire is currently holding at approximately 22 acres with 30 percent containment. The fire has been burning in fine grass, sagebrush, aspen and Lodgepole pine fuel types since noon Oct. 8.

Approximately 75 fire personnel are working the fire including two, Type I Hotshot crews from Utah, a Type II hand-crew from Utah and two local engines. A Type III helicopter has been on the incident throughout the day providing water-bucket drops on hot spots as directed by ground crews.

Cool, nighttime temperatures coupled with the efforts of ground crews and aerial resources have subdued flame activity. Today, firefighters focused their efforts on digging hand line and establishing saw line around the perimeter of the fire. As crews establish line they also are concentrating on “mopping up” smoldering and creeping hot spots and dousing larger timber with water. Wisps of smoke may still be visible from the Dillon, Keystone and Silverthorne area.

“We are hopeful for 100 percent containment by tomorrow evening,” stated Bill Jackson, District Ranger. “We appreciate the support and hard work of all of our local and county cooperators over the past day and a half and will continue our close coordination with the Sheriff’s Office and the ongoing investigation regarding the cause of the fire.”

The road to the Summit County Shooting Range remains closed to the public throughout the day. Tomorrow (Oct. 10), the general public will be able to access the Summit County Resource Allocation Park (SCRAP) via Landfill Road however the Summit County Shooting Range will remain closed to accommodate ongoing fire suppression operations.

Public and firefighter safety continues to be a top priority. The Oro Grande Trail and Tenderfoot Mountain trails remain open (Tenderfoot Mountain trails will be [under seasonal closures](#) starting Oct. 10) however recreationists and hunters are advised to exercise caution, stay away from the Frey Gulch Fire area and let firefighters complete their work.

For more information please call the Dillon District Ranger office at 970- 468-5400. The Ranger Station will be closed tomorrow to the public in observance of a federal holiday but will be open for normal business hours Tuesday, Oct. 11.

The Upper Colorado River Interagency Fire Management Unit (UCR) and the Dillon Ranger District would like to thank the following organizations for support and coordination of this incident: Lake Dillon Fire, Red, White & Blue (Breckenridge) Fire, Copper Mountain Fire, Keystone Emergency Services, Summit County Sheriff’s Office, Summit County Ambulance, Summit County Search and Rescue, Summit County Resource Allocation Park (landfill), Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control, Colorado Department of Transportation, crews from Vail and Northwest Fire in Park County and Colorado State Patrol.

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